

May 27, 2012 Service of Worship

11:00 am

The Day of Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Various symbols are used in the Bible to represent the Holy Spirit: the dove, light, wind, and fire. The dove is noted for its loyalty, devotion, and gentle disposition and is used as a representation of the Holy Spirit because of its sympathetic nature. The ministry that Jesus began stressed compassion for the human race. The banner for Pentecost illustrates two other symbols: wind and fire. Both wind and fire are mentioned in the opening verses of today's Epistle reading as manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Robirds, RN, Congregational Nurse

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

MaryAshlynn Perkey

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

David Hegarty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patricia Lindell

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place:

People: We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.

Leader: Come, Spirit of adoption, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

*HYMN NO. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

Forest Green

INVOCATION

**We thank you, Sovereign Lord,
creator of sky, earth and sea and everything in them,
that you spoke by your prophets:
stretch out your hand now to heal,
perform among us miraculous signs and wonders:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that we too may speak boldly for you;
through the name of your holy servant, Jesus. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Acts 2:1-11

Page 144 (NT) in pew Bibles

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Page 134 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

A MEMORIAL DAY LITANY (See Insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Living Breath of God
Chancel Choir

arr. John Helgen

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Lasst Uns Erfreuen
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shell Dula

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*HYMN

Wind of God, Dynamic Spirit

See Insert

SERMON

"Having the Spirit"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please see insert)

*HYMN NO. 347

Spirit Song

Spirit Song

*BENEDICTION

Go out into the world,
and labor to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams, pursue visions,
and speak of God's goodness
in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming,
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,
set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*RESPONSE NO. 666

Shalom to You

Shalom

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

A Litany for Memorial Day

God of truth, God of justice, God of peace, we pray today for all who suffer as a result of war:

For leaders who send young men and women to war, that their judgments be sound and their motives be pure, we lift our hearts to you:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the soldiers who lay down their lives for others, that the love which inspires their sacrifice be fulfilled in the love of Christ, we lift our hearts to you:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who have been left behind, that they may live on the strength of the love that they knew, we lift our hearts to you:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the injured and the disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and in other people has been weakened or destroyed, we lift our hearts to you:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security, we lift our hearts to you:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer.

As we remember those who died in war for the cause of peace:

Lord, make us peacemakers.

As we look to the future of our children and grandchildren:

Lord, make us peacemakers.

As we think of the war-torn, blood-stained, sorrowful world:

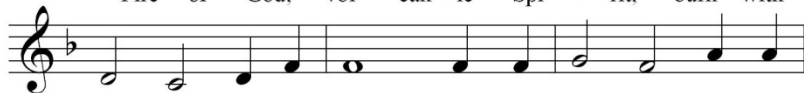
Lord, make us peacemakers.

Lord, hear our prayer and come to us in perfect love, to drive away our fear; in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wind of God, Dynamic Spirit



Wind of God, dy - na - mic Spi - rit, breathe up -
Voice of God, pro - phet - ic Spi - rit, speak to
Fire of God, vol - can - ic Spi - rit, burn with



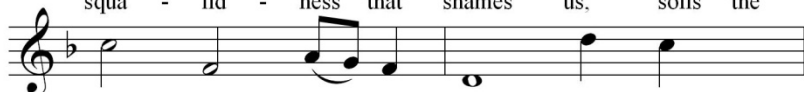
on our hearts to - day, that we may your pow'r in -
ev - ery heart to - day to en - cour - age or pro -
in our hearts to - day, cleanse our sin we may ex -



her - it hear us Spi - rit as we pray. Fill the
hi - bit ur - ging act - ion or de - lay: clear the
hi - bit, ho - li - ness in ev - 'ry way: purge the



vac - uum that en - slaves us emp - ti -
vague - ness that im - pedes us, come en -
squa - lid - ness that shames us, soils the



ness of heart and soul; and through
ligh - en mind and soul; and through
bo - dy, taints the soul; and through



Je - sus Christ who saves — us, give us
Je - sus Christ who leads — us, teach the
Je - sus Christ who claims us, pur - i -



life and make us whole.
truth that makes us whole.
fy us make us whole.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Invitation

We have gathered in the name of Jesus, our Savior and living Lord. We recall how Jesus made himself known to his friends in the breaking of bread, and how their hearts were set ablaze as they talked and communed with him. May our hearts rejoice and our tongues be filled with praise as we come to meet him.¹

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is always right, good, and proper that we should give you thanks and praise, O gracious Father. But now, on this Day of Pentecost, we thank you for the Holy Spirit whom you sent through your Son to bring to our remembrance all he said and did, and who enables us to love and serve with this same Spirit. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven, we praise your name saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory;

Hosanna to the Lord most high,

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

Gracious God, we thank you for your desire to create us and have friendship with others other than yourself. How glad it makes us to be in your image and after your likeness. How freeing it is to see others in the same way: made of the same clay by one and the same potter.

How majestic is your work in all the earth.

When you created us, you provided for our necessities. But humans sinned, violated trust, presumed on good will, exploited the abundance of creation, and took advantage of others. We lost our place, displaced our companions, and misplaced commitments. Needs unknown at creation were generated.

How stressful it is when life is out of place. Have mercy on us.

¹ Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 408.

But when we had lost our place, misplaced our trust, and displaced others, you sent your Son to take his place beside us. He crossed cultures—from heaven to earth, eternity to time—and lived on our turf, learning to be a son. Speaking our language, he was apprenticed to a carpenter, and befriended any who needed him; eventually, he was crucified in our place.

All made from the same clay, we are redeemed by the same cross. How majestic is your grace in all the earth.

And so, dear God, you have called us to take our places beside others, to cross cultures to their turf, to learn to live there, for that place and those people, to leave home and make a new home as your Son did for us.

Spirit of God, give us grace to do so.

And now with great thanksgiving we recall the Sent-One, Jesus Christ, who on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and said, “This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Come Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be what Jesus said they were: his body and blood, broken, shed for us, and gifts of God for the people of God. Maintain us in this bond of unity until the entire church is gathered into the heavenly country from which there is neither exile nor need for immigration and where the feast has room for all.

By Jesus Christ, and with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**²

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

² Robert Webber, *The Sacred Actions of Christian Worship* (Nashville: Star Song Pub. Group, 1994), 261-62.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Cup we share is the Cup of Promise.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come and eat, the banquet awaits.³

Prayer Following Communion

You have created us, O God, in the image of the one whom we have remembered about this table. With grateful hearts we ask your continuing Spirit to upbuild us ever more perfectly into that likeness. Help us together to become that new humanity in Jesus Christ. Amen.⁴

Music Notes

O Living Breath of God
arr. John Helgen

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the water;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;
Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your breath abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God, by whose power the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creations gives life anew:
Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your breath abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God, breathe in us as we pray,
O living Breath of God, dwell in us every day.

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth:
Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your breath abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God, breathe in us as we pray,
O living Breath of God, dwell in us every day
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

³ Gord Waldie, "The Banquet of Hopeful Expectations," *Worship Offerings*, entry posted January 20, 2080, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/01/banquet-of-hopeful-expectation-advent.html> (accessed April 11, 2012).

⁴ Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 426.